

Duncan Phillips House  
(The Phillips Collection)  
1600-1614 21st Street, NW  
Washington  
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Duncan Phillips House			HABS NO. DC-447
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE The Phillips Collection			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1600-1614 21st Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1896-1897		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Hornblower and Marshall	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally designed as a private home, the building has served for over 50 years as exhibition area for the Phillips family collection of modern art.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick, with brownstone and terra cotta trim			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 3½ stories; mansard roof; 3-story semi-elliptical bay on south side; 2-story semi-elliptical bay on east front; northern T-shaped wing; northern annex, connected to wing by aluminum and glass bridge			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Terra cotta cornice between 2nd and 3rd floors; 3rd floor functions as frieze with decorative terra cotta swags			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Mansard roof added 1901. T-shaped wing added 1907. Second floor of wing added 1917. Annex built 1959-1960.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Still in use as an art gallery, the building is currently under renovation.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places (Information above taken from nomination)			
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